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Dear Jim,

Please excuse the incoherence of my enclosed letter to Berkeley, that poor sick man, who seems incapable of understanding that he is not possessed of instant knowledge or the great harm he can do with his small circulation in distributing Keosten's stuff in his sheet.

On a possibly happier note, there are some signs the major media is getting a little concerned. NBC, for example, has filed amicus in the Caldwell case. And they suggested first that I speak to one of their specially-hired lawyers in such matters, then arranged an appointment with him (Next week.)

While I fear what the present thing will cost the Times in defense cash and consequently its depressing effect on other papers in the future, it is a good thing and is having good results. I've not had a chance to read this a.m.'s Post yet, but from the TV early accounts, they may be picking up where the Times left off, omitting any indication of source.

In fact, I've not had a chance to read what the Times has published ed. But there are other things afoot. McGovern was phoned by Newsweek, which had been told he had been given the same stuff by the same now-accused. (And what kind of guy can Zion be?) The possibilities of intimidation are limitless, but I suspect the Congress and most of the press have had it with the war and this dishonesty, regardless of their own records.

My hunch is that Nixon waiting three days to let LEJ take his rap then started hollering "national security". A good lawyer should be able to take this delay as complete refutation.

Best,